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Washington, D. C.

Dear Larry:

This will introduce to you [] who has perfected a certain mechanical improvement to a Remington-Rand item of office equipment. This improvement evidences, in our opinion, considerable individual enterprise beyond that ordinarily connected with his employment. This improvement likewise displays to us originality and inventiveness which might possibly be the proper subject of patent rights.

We have explained to [] the general principle of the effect of the employer-employee relationship upon patents. His primary concern is that of his employer's interests, but at the same time he wants to secure to himself an equitable interest in any future commercial development of the invention, should the employer deem it advisable to license the patent or invention.

Personally, I have pleaded ignorant on the subject of patent law, but felt certain that you would have some experienced experts in this field with whom you could consult. Those concerned with the matter here feel that an equitable protection of [] interest in his invention will go far to promote among others the spirit of industry and originality which he has here displayed. We shall certainly appreciate any help that you may give in this respect.

I am sorry to have been tardy in forwarding your package, but it had to be repacked in order to qualify for insurance. Enclosed is the receipt so you may make claim there in the event it is not received in good order.

Best personal wishes to you, your family, and all those in your office.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure